



The Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) Program Reclamation Division Department of Natural Resources,



Wyndham collapse—Clay County

— in service since 1982, has been responsible for the restoration of many acres of hazardous and unproductive land. The Federal Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act provided for the collection of fees on active coal mining to pay for the reclamation of problems left behind from old coal mining practices. The Division of Reclamation, AML program, has used these funds to eliminate the safety issues of dangerous mine openings, subsidences, highwalls, mining related abandoned structures, trash, and environmentally harmful coal processing waste. Numerous streams and water bodies have been improved and thousands of acres of trees have been planted to stabilize and enhance the environment.

The goal of the AML Program is to increase the quality of reclaimed sites through utilization of advancing technology and broader participation of stakeholders. Collaborative work with effective reclamation partners will ensure that such work is conducted in a cost effective, expeditious manner to reduce the environmental damage and affect on public welfare.

AML Reclamation Completed by County Through March, 2007		
County	Number of Sites	\$ Amount
Clay	156	5,831,345
Daviess	23	4,525,517
Dubois	12	45,894
Fountain	3	14,488
Gibson	8	202,142
Greene	113	7,387,792
Knox	28	10,995,397
Martin	7	1,221,789
Owen	5	17,289
Parke	23	464,567
Perry	7	372,136
Pike	86	25,969,855
Spencer	27	2,448,626
Sullivan	87	8,708,371
Vermillion	23	1,042,385
Vigo	100	11,261,663
Warrick	137	23,067,950
Total	845	103,577,205

The re-authorization of the AML program in 2006, created the means to finish the job we have started. We commit to actively seeking the cleanup of the remaining mining related problems. Ours is a monumental task: we want to see all past mining problems reclaimed to their full potential and a productive use.



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